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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

SHIMAMOTO *et al.*

Application Number: 10/020,314

Filed: December 18, 2001

**For: FABRICATING METHOD OF
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

COVER LETTER

Sir:

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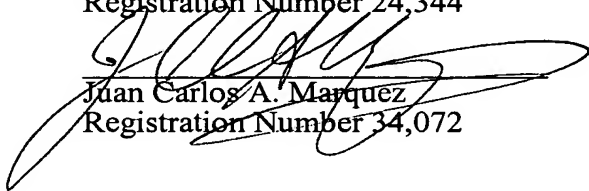
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 14, 2004, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on January 14, 2005. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

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